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Town  
of

## GROTON

New Hampshire

For the Fiscal Year Ending  
December 31, 1976



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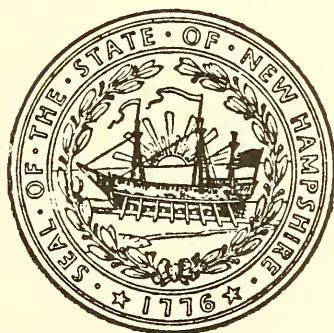
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**TOWN OFFICERS**  
**12/31/76**

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**Moderator**

William Anderson

**Selectmen**

David J. Albert

Richard W. Clancy

Richard Hikel

**Town Clerk**

Mildred E. Schweitzer

**Tax Collector**

Mildred E. Schweitzer

**Treasurer**

Bonnie Lee Albert

**Road Agent**

Lewis J. Albert

**Librarian**

Katherine Buck

**Police**

David J. Albert

**Constable**

Richard W. Clancy

**Health Officers**

Selectmen

**Auditor**

Paul M. Buck

**Trustee of Trust Funds**

Helen Albert

**Library Trustees**

Helen Albert

Vernal Matthews

Bonnie Lee Albert

**Fire Warden**

C. Dennis Matthews

**Deputy Wardens**

James Albert

David J. Albert

James Parris

Edward Smith

**Secretary to Selectmen**

Richard W. Clancy

Bonnie Lee Albert

**Supervisors of Check List**

Judith Dill

Elaine Karkheck

Yvonne Stevens

## SELECTMEN'S LETTER

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The Bicentennial year of 1976 was a productive one for the Town of Groton. Some of the discord of past years was put behind us and our townspeople grabbed on to the bicentennial spirit and through broad participation in Old Home Day indicated there was a great deal of pride in the town of Groton. We are a town with a proud history of support for the principal of this country and a determination that the American way of life will always be able to be enjoyed right here in Groton. In this bicentennial year it was easy to sense our townspeople wanted to put past problems behind us and to begin working together as a town on the problems we will face in the future.

The town planning board has done a lot of work preparing recommendations for this years town meeting. Your selectmen have worked with this group and feel it deserves the thanks of the townspeople for the many hours it has spent preparing recommendations that your selectmen feel will help guarantee that Groton will remain the fine place to live that it is today.

1976 was the year that Groton was revaluated. We would like to thank the townspeople for the assistance and understanding they showed to the people of Eastern Appraisal. We will be getting our tax maps this year, and after seeing the excellent job they did on revaluation we are confident you will be pleased with them. We have paid them \$10,803.62 and still owe them \$6,296.38 which will be paid when everything is finished and we are completely satisfied. The price of \$17,100.00 for which this work is being done is an excellent one and our townspeople deserve credit for their foresight in approving this work at our special town meeting. In another year as the state deadline draws closer the town would have had to spend almost twice the 17,000 to get the same thing done. After talking to many townspeople we feel most are satisfied that their new evaluation is a fair one.

This years deficit of \$2,957.39 was brought on because only 9,200 of the 17,100 encumbered for the revaluation was budgeted by the town. So in fact we are in excellent fiscal shape having behind us an expensive project which most towns have still to face which will cost them considerably more then we spent.

The question of what to do about town roads is still with us. We have budgeted an amount similar to last year to continue patching our roads. We are unsure how long we can continue this process before major work will be necessary. We are equally unsure that the town can afford the hundreds of thousands of dollars it would cost to sub-



stantially re-do our roads. We would like some input from our townspeople on this matter.

We would like to thank all our town officers, election officials, police officers, road agent, and road crews for the excellent jobs they have done this year.

In conclusion we feel strongly that this has been a good year for the town and that with the continued cooperation of the townspeople Groton can realistically look forward to continued progress in the future.

David J. Albert  
William Anderson  
Selectmen

## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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To the inhabitants of the Town of Groton in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at North Groton Town House in said Groton on Tuesday, the eighth day of March, next at three of the clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
3. To see if the Town will vote to give a two percent discount of payment of taxes paid within 15 days after the tax collectors mailing date.
4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of or administer any real estate acquired by tax collector's deeds.
5. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow in anticipation of taxes.
6. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to apply for, contract for, and accept aid relative to State and Federal Disaster Money.
7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the following to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund: a. \$2,500 for new truck and sander.
8. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$285.55 and the State will contribute the sum of \$1,903.60 for Class IV and V construction.
9. To see if the Town will continue plowing driveways at the fee of \$25 per driveway exempting residents on Social Security or receiving elderly exemptions.
10. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$7,500 for the sealing and repair of town roads.
11. To see if the Town will vote to make the following changes in

salaried and hourly workers.

- a. Road workers from 2.75 to 3.25.
- b. Road Agent from 3.00 to 3.50
- c. First and Second Selectmen from 400.00 to 800.00
- d. Chairman Selectman from 500.00 to 900.00
- e. Town Clerk from 200.00 to 400.00
- f. Town Treasurer from 300.00 to 500.00
- g. Secretary from 400.00 to 600.00
- h. Ballot clerks from 2.25 to 2.75
- i. Supervisors from 2.25 to 2.75
- j. Moderator from 2.75 to 3.00
- k. any other salaried or hourly workers at the rate of 2.75 with the exception of tax collector who is at 1% of the warrant.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$80 for the continuance of the Baker River Audio Visual Center established by Federal Grant in 1974.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$330 for the Pemi-Baker Home Health Agency.

14. To see what action the Town will take on the dump after June 1, 1977 and vote to make appropriation for same.

15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw from the Revenue Sharing Fund all monies available for the purpose of reducing the Summer and Winter maintenance appropriation.

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,957.39 to cover deficit.

17. To see if the Town will vote to re-name the Groton School House the Groton Civic Center and make appropriation for repair to the eaves, roof, plumbing, and necessary minor repairs. (submitted by Planning Board).

18. To see what action the Town will take on Planning Board proposals as follows:

- a. Minimum house lots:
  1. size-2 acres

2. 100 ft. min. road frontage
3. no subdivision
4. no buildings 50 ft. from all boundaries, incl. roads
- b. Building permits required
  1. alterations of existing buildings
  2. apertinent structures
  3. new buildings
  4. 1.00 charge
  5. issued by Planning Board
  6. \$500 fine for failure to comply
- c. Roads:

## STREETS

### Definitions

A. **Street** - Includes street, avenue, boulevard, road, alley, highway, and other way, exclusive of driveways serving not more than two adjacent lots.

B. **Right-of-Way** - The total width of street that will accommodate the construction, adequate drainage, and proper maintenance of a roadway.

### Street Requirements

1. Approval of general development Street Plan should be required before allowing construction of small integral phases of the plan.

2. Streets shall be logically related to the topography so as to produce suitable lots and reasonable grades.

3. All streets named without duplication nor bear phonetic resemblance to the names of existing streets within the town.

4. Grades - maximum grade of 10%

5. Subgrade Preparation - All loam and other yielding material shall be removed from the roadway and replaced with suitable fill material. All boulders and ledge shall be removed to a uniform cross sectional depth of not less than 12 inches below the subgrade and replaced with gravel.

6. Right-of-Way - Shall not be less than 50 ft. in width and may be required to be more if warranted in the opinion of Planning Board.

7. Drainage - Surface water shall be disposed of by means of culverts of sufficient capacity at water courses as determined by standard hydraulic design methods and by construction of the longitudinal - storm drainage system whenever required to relieve water in the ditch sections. Construction in accordance with N.H. Standard Spec. 1969 Sects. 603 and 604.

8. Gravel Base - All streets shall be constructed with a minimum of 12 inches of gravel per N.H. Standard Spec. 1969 Sect. 304.

9. Asphalt Surface - The asphalt surface may be Bituminous Surface Treatment, Spec. Sec. 410, or Hot Bituminous Pavement, Sect. 403, as required by Planning Board. The minimum width shall be 20 feet.

10. Gravel Surface - In unusual cases of low traffic volumes where the Planning Board feels an asphalt surface is not required the total usable roadway width shall be a minimum of 28 ft. so that the ultimate design may be a 20 ft. asphalt surface with 4 ft. gravel shoulders.

11. Gravel Shoulders - A 4 ft. gravel shoulder, equal to the base course depth shall be constructed adjacent to 20 ft. asphalt surfaces.

12. Dead End Street - Shall not be more than 1000 ft. in length with a designed turning area at the closed end. This turning area may be of circular shape with a minimum radius of 50 ft. from the center to the outside edge of the right-of-way.

13. Bridges - On stream crossings of 10 ft. or more span, the structure shall be designed to H 15 - S 20 loading (AASHo Spec.). The minimum roadway width shall be 24 ft.

14. Construction Supervision - Construction of the street, drainage facilities, sidewalks, curbs, and all other elements of the street must be done under supervision of and with the approval of the Planning Board or their designate.

19. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Polls will be open 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Business Meeting (articles 2-19 inclusive) will be taken up at 6:00 pm.

Given under our hands and seal, this 21st day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy-seven.

David J. Albert  
William B. Anderson  
Selectmen of Groton

A True Copy of Warrant - Attest:

David J. Albert  
William B. Anderson  
Selectmen of Groton

## SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Land		\$5,370,608
Buildings		2,308,176
Town Truck		1,000
Total Valuation Before Exemptions Allowed		<u>\$7,679,784</u>
Elderly Exemptions (5)		<u>25,000</u>
Net Valuations on Which Tax Rate is Computed		<u>\$7,654,784</u>
Number of Inventories Distributed in 1976		325
Date 1976 Inventories Were Mailed		3-5-76
Number of Inventories Returned in 1976		200
Number of Individuals Applying for an Elderly Exemption 1976		5
Number of Individuals Granted an Elderly Exemption 1976		5
	No. of Owners	No. of Acres
Number of Property Owners <b>who applied</b> for Current Use in 1976	2	821 -
Number of Property Owners <b>who were granted</b> Current Use Exemption in 1976	2	821

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

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Town Hall, Land & Bldgs.	3,500
Furniture & Equip.	1,900
Libraries, Land & Bldgs.	1,500
Furniture & Equip.	1,000
Police Equipment	200
Fire Equipment	200
Highway Dept. Land & Bldgs.	500
Equipment	9,000
School, Land & bldgs.	1,000
Selectmen's Office	1,500
Equipment	600
Town Dump	1,000
All Other Property & Equipment	21,900

### Itemization of Current Use, Acreage & Assessment

Norco Corp.	90 Acres
	Assessed value
	2,700
	current use value
	783

Total of all land improved and unimproved	918,600
Assessed value minus Current use value	1,917

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\$916,683



**BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF GROTON**  
**Appropriations and Estimates of Revenues for the Ensuing Year**  
**January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976**

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	----- Appropriations Fiscal Year	Actual Expenditures Previous Fiscal Year	Ensuing Fiscal Year 1977 [1977-78]
<b>General Government:</b>			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,737.59	\$ 5,000.00
Town Officers' Expenses	2,000.00	2,252.12	2,500.00
Election & Registration Expenses	650.00	935.81	650.00
Town Hall & Other Town Buildings	1,000.00	1,014.62	1,000.00
<b>Protection of Persons &amp; Property</b>			
Police Department	2,000.00	1,997.96	2,500.00
Fire Department	750.00	1,034.81	750.00
Police Equipment		1,621.81	
Insurance	2,000.00	1,815.00	2,500.00
Planning & Zoning	500.00	9.00	500.00
Damages & Legal Expenses	250.00	35.00	500.00
<b>Health Dept. [Incl. Hospitals &amp; Ambulance]</b>	500.00	536.00	600.00
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	1,000.00	1,100.70	1,000.00
<b>Highways &amp; Bridges</b>			
Town Maintenance - Summer & Winter	12,000.00	10,568.80	12,000.00
Street Lighting	225.00	230.03	225.00
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	2,500.00	2,931.27	2,500.00
Town Road Aid	287.01	2,155.01	285.55
<b>Libraries</b>	500.00	500.00	600.00
<b>Public Welfare</b>			
Town Poor	250.00	61.00	200.00
Old Age Assistance	1,200.00	1,009.00	1,000.00
<b>Patriotic Purposes [Memorial Day, Etc.]</b>	200.00	155.00	
<b>Recreation</b>	250.00		200.00
<b>Public Service Enterprises:</b>			
Cemeteries	300.00	368.18	500.00
Bounty		.50	5.00
Advertising & Regional Assoc.		30.00	
<b>Debt Service:</b>			
Principal & Long Term Notes & Bonds		40,000.00	
Interest on Temporary Loans	500.00	664.44	
<b>Capital Outlay:</b>			
School	30,000.00	29,830.58	39,000.00
County	7,500.00	9,145.81	9,500.00
Sealing	7,500.00	7,411.88	7,500.00
Bicentennial	1,555.00	2,373.74	
Revaluation		10,803.62	
New Equipment	1,650.00	3,061.77	500.00
Deficit - 1976			2,957.39
<b>Payment to Capital Reserve Funds</b>			
Town Truck	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,500.00
Tax Maps	2,000.00	2,000.00	
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>\$83,776.86</b>	<b>\$139,391.05</b>	<b>\$87,972.94</b>

Estimated Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Actual Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Fiscal Year 1977 [1977-78]
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## SOURCES OF REVENUE

### From the State:

Gas Tax	\$ 3,454.06	\$ 3,454.06	\$ 3,424.34
Interest & Dividends Tax	100.00	290.82	300.00
Gas Tax Refunds		88.97	
Savings Bank Tax	65.00	76.19	
Meals & Rooms Tax	950.00	1,098.86	1,000.00
Bicentennial Fund		1,000.00	
Highway Subsidy (Cl. IV & V)	938.00	938.40	943.50
Reimb. for Forest Conservation Aid	350.00	236.32	250.00
Reimb. A/C Business Profits Tax (Town Portion)	195.00	205.24	200.00
Recreation Lands	50.00	12.00	20.00
TRA		709.85	1,903.68

### From Local Sources:

Dog Licenses	100.00	113.60	100.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	15.00	41.00	25.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees 75 & 76	2,000.00	3,334.91	2,500.00
Interest on Taxes & Deposits	200.00	386.80	300.00
Income from Trust Funds		1,710.00	
Tax Sales Redeemed		1,908.88	
Taxes bought by Town		679.65	
Resident Taxes Retained	1,150.00	1,290.00	1,200.00
Normal Yield Taxes Assessed	1,000.00	2,084.69	1,500.00
Rent of Town Property	1,100.00	1,433.00	1,200.00
Sale of Town Property		207.05	
Gift	100.00	315.00	100.00
Bicentennial Fund		381.27	
Insurance Adj.		312.00	
Redeposit - Return Chks.		62.50	25.00

### Surplus

10,000.00      40,000.00

### From Federal Sources:

Revenue Sharing	5,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Flood	5,015.39	5,201.52	

### \*Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes

69,981.42

### TOTAL REVENUES

\$31,782.45      \$70,572.58      \$17,991.52

\*Total estimated "Revenues from all sources except Property Taxes" deducted from Total Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year gives "Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes."

# STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED FOR TAX YEAR 1976

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## Appropriations :

Town Officers' Salaries	3,000.00
Town Officers' Expenses	2,000.00
Election & Registration Expenses	650.00
Radio Art. #13	250.00
Town Hall & Other Town buildings	1,000.00
Bicentennial	1,555.00
Police Dept.	2,000.00
Road Signs	350.00
Fire Dept.	750.00
Insurance	2,000.00
Planning & Zoning	500.00
Damages & Legal Expenses	250.00
Furnace (Selectmen & Library)	1,300.00
Health Dept. (Incl. Hospitals & Ambulance)	500.00
Baker River Audio Visual	80.00
Town Dump & Garbage Collection	1,000.00
Town Maintenance - Summer & Winter	19,500.00
Street Lighting	225.00
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	2,500.00
Town Road Aid	287.01
Libraries	500.00
Town Poor	250.00
Old Age Assistance	1,200.00
Patriotic Purposes (Memorial Day, etc.)	200.00
Recreation (Parks, Playground, etc.)	250.00
Cemeteries	300.00
Interest on Temporary Loans	500.00
Payment on Capital Reserve Funds:	
Town Truck	1,000.00
Tax Map	2,000.00

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\$45,897.01

TOTAL TOWN APPROPRIATIONS

**ESTIMATED REVENUES AND CREDITS:**

Interest and Dividends Tax	290.82
Sale of Town Property (wood)	156.00
Savings Bank Tax	76.19
Meals & Rooms Tax	1,098.86
Duncan Fund	938.40
Reimb. a/c State and Federal Lands	236.32
Revenue from Yield Tax Sources	1,787.82
Interest Received on Taxes	386.80
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	36.00
Dog Licenses	108.80
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	2,946.41
Rent of Town Property and Equip. (snow plowing)	1,183.00
State & Income Bicentennial Fund	1,381.27
Highway (TRA)	709.85
Longyear Foundation	115.00
Trail Rides Donation	251.05
Resident Taxes	1,250.00
Surplus	10,000.00
Revenue Sharing (3,000 spent - Roads)	2,502.28
Highway Subsidy	3,454.06
Gas Tax Refund	88.97
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<b>Total Revenues and Credits</b>	<b>28,997.90</b>
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Net Town Appropriation	16,899.11
Net School Appropriations	36,161.69
County Tax Assessment	8,652.69
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<b>Total of Town, School and County</b>	<b>61,713.49</b>
DEDUCT: Total Bus. Profits Tax Reimb.	-206.00
ADD: War Service Tax Credits	+ 1,200.00
ADD: Overlay	+ 2,358.17
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<b>Property Taxes To Be Raised</b>	<b>\$65,065.66</b>

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**Town of Groton**  
**December 31, 1976**

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**ASSETS**

Cash in Bank	\$ 154.26
Accounts Receivable: State of N.H.	943.50
Uncollected Taxes:	
Property	8,342.88
Resident	230.00
Yield	94.80
Unredeemed Taxes	678.37
Unexpended Revenue Sharing	2,716.99
Prepaid Insurance	1,069.00
TOTAL ASSETS	----- \$14,229.80

**LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS**

Accrued Payroll taxes	4.10
School District Tax Payable	10,886.71
Revaluation Funds Due	6296.38
Total Liabilities	----- 17,187.19
Current Deficit	(2,957.39)
TOTAL LIABILITIES & DEFICIT	----- \$14,229.80

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES**  
**TOWN OF GROTON**  
**Year ended 12 - 31 - 76**

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**Revenues :**

1976 Property Tax	\$ 62,614.79
State of N.H.	8,301.94
Motor Vehicle Registrations	3,334.91
Revenue Sharing Funds	3,049.00
Yield Taxes - 76	2,084.69
From Trust Funds	1,710.00
Plowing Driveways	1,433.00
Residents Tax - 76	1,240.00
Tax Sales Redeemed	940.83
Interest Earned - Taxes	332.42
Gifts	315.00
Interest - Rev. Sharing Funds	165.41
Sale of town property	156.00
Dog Licenses	113.60
Permits	41.00
Residents tax penalties	35.00
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	<b>\$85,867.59</b>

**Expenses :**

School	\$ 35,907.28
Summer Road Mtse.	11,807.24
Revaluation	9,600.00
County	9,145.81
Winter Road Mts.	6,173.44
Flood	3,692.75
Capital Reserve	3,000.00
General Highway	2,931.27
Town Officers Salaries	2,737.59
New Equipment	2,561.77
Town Officers Expenses	2,289.31
TRA	2,155.01
Bicentennial & Patriotic	2,147.47
Police	1,997.96
Insurance	1,911.00
Police Equipment	1,570.76
Dump	1,100.70
Highway Subsidy	1,059.19
Fire	1,034.81

Town Hall Exp.	1,014.62
Old Age	1,009.00
Election & Registration	935.81
Taxes Bought by Town	774.86
Interest Expense	664.44
Health	536.00
Library	500.00
Cemeteries	368.18
Street Lights	230.03
Discounts and Abatements	202.05
Town Poor	61.00
Legal Exp.	35.00
	<u>          </u>
	(\$109,154.35)
	<u>          </u>
Excess of Expenses over Revenues	(\$23,286.76)

**STATEMENT OF SURPLUS [Deficit]  
Town of Groton  
Year Ended 12 - 31 - 76**

Balance of Surplus 1/1/76	\$ 20,329.37
Excess of Expenses over Revenues	(23,286.76)
	<u>          </u>
Deficit - 12/31/76	(2,957.39)

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
1976**

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Motor Vehicles		\$3,334.91
Dog Licenses	\$123.00	
Less Clerk's Fees	9.40	
	-----	113.60
Filing Fees		13.00
Plowing Driveways		1,433.00
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TOTAL		\$4,894.51

**PETTY CASH SUMMARY**

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Cash as of Jan. 1, 1976		5.04
Received from Selectmen		95.00
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		\$100.04
Expenditures		
Stamps for Dog Notices		
Resident Tax, Snowplowing		
Property Tax, Envelopes		
& Office Supplies	86.50	
Money Orders	6.80	
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		93.30
Cash on Hand as of Dec. 31, 1976		6.74

Mildred E. Schweitzer  
Town Clerk



# SUMMARY OF WARRANTS

## DR.

### Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$63,681.03
Resident Taxes	1,250.00

Total Warrants	\$64,931.03
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Yield Taxes	2,084.69
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### Added Taxes:

Resident Taxes	50.00
	50.00

Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes	7.00
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TOTAL DEBITS	\$67,072.72
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### Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$54,326.20	
Resident Taxes	1,010.00	
Yield Taxes	2,084.69	
Penalties on Resident Taxes	7.00	
		\$54,427.89

Discounts Allowed	910.25
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### Abatements Made During Year:

Property Taxes	155.99
Resident Taxes	60.00
	215.99

### Uncollected Taxes - 12/31/76:

(As Per Collector's List)

Property Taxes	8,288.59
Resident Taxes	230.00
	8,518.59

TOTAL CREDITS	\$67,072.72
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**SUMMARY OF WARRANTS  
PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES  
LEVY OF 1975**

**DR.**

<b>Uncollected Taxes - As of 1/1/76:</b>	
Property Taxes	\$ 7,724.08
Resident Taxes	350.00
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	\$ 8,074.08
<b>Yield Taxes</b>	<b>94.80</b>
<b>Interest Collected on Delinquent Prop. Taxes</b>	<b>390.35</b>
<b>Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes</b>	<b>28.00</b>
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<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$8,587.23</b>

**CR.**

<b>Remittances to Treas. During Fiscal Year Ended 12/31/76:</b>	
Property Taxes	7,695.68
Resident Taxes	280.00
Interest Collected During Year	390.35
Penalties on Res. Taxes	28.00
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	8,394.03
<b>Abatements Made During Year:</b>	
Resident Taxes	70.00
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	70.00
<b>Uncollected Taxes - 12/31/76:</b>	
<b>    [As Per Collector's List]</b>	
Yield Taxes	94.80
Property Taxes	28.40
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	123.20
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<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$8,587.23</b>

**SUMMARY OF WARRANTS  
PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES  
LEVY OF 1974**

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**DR.**

**Uncollected Taxes - As of 1/1/76:**

Property Taxes

\$25.89

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25.89

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**TOTAL DEBITS**

\$25.89

**CR.**

**Uncollected Taxes - 12/31/76:**

[As Per Collector's List]

Property Taxes

\$25.89

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25.89

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**TOTAL CREDITS**

25.89

**SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS**  
**FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1976**

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**DR.**

	<b>Tax Sales on Account of Levies of:</b>	
	1975	1974
(a) Balance of Unredeemed Taxes of January 1, 1976		\$1,646.42
(b) Taxes Sold to Town During Current Fiscal Year	765.23	
Interest Collected After Sale	32.48	143.12
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<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$797.71</b>	<b>\$1,789.54</b>

**CR.**

**Remittances to Treasurer**  
**During the Year:**

Redemptions	\$549.20	\$1,184.08
Interest & Costs After Sale	32.48	143.12
Unredeemed Taxes- December 31, 1976	216.03	462.34
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<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$797.71</b>	<b>\$1,789.54</b>

(a) "Balance of Unredeemed Taxes - January 1, 1976:"

Should include balances of Unredeemed Taxes, as of beginning of fiscal year - January 1, 1976 from Tax Sales of **Previous Years**.

(b) "Taxes Sold to Town During Current Fiscal Year:"

Tax Sales held during fiscal year ending December 31, 1976, should include total amount of taxes, interest and costs to date of sale.

## REPORT OF TREASURER

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### RECEIPTS

#### Mildred E. Schweitzer, Collector

1975 Property Tax	\$ 6,960.63
1975 Interest	386.80
1975 Resident Tax	280.00
1975 Resident Tax Penalties	28.00
1976 Property Tax	54,326.20
1976 Yield Tax	2,084.69
1976 Resident Tax	1,010.00
1976 Resident Tax Penalties	7.00
Taxes Redeemed	1,908.88
Tax Sale (bought by Town)	679.65

#### State of New Hampshire

Reimb. A/C State & Federal Forest land	236.32
Highway Subsidy (gas tax)	3,454.06
Reimb. A/C Flood Disaster	5,201.52
Gasoline Tax Refund	88.97
Bicentennial Funds	1,000.00
Duncan Fund	938.40
Business Profits Tax	205.24
Interest & Dividends Tax	290.82
Bank Tax	76.19
Highway (TRA)	709.85
Meals & Rooms Tax	1,098.86
Reimb. A/C State Owned Rec. land	12.00

#### Pemigewasset National Bank

Temporary Loans	40,000.00
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#### Town Clerk

1975 Motor Vehicle Permits	65.41
1976 Motor Vehicle Permits	3,269.50
Dog Tax	113.60
Plowing Driveways	1,433.00
Filing Fees	13.00

#### Merrimack Valley Trail Riders

Donation for Police Dept. Equip.	200.00
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<b>Longyear Foundation</b>	
Contribution to Town	100.00
Gift to Police Dept.	15.00
<b>Selectmen</b>	
Building Permits	12.00
Pistol Permits	16.00
<b>Helen Albert, Trustee</b>	
Capital Reserve Fund -- Tax Map	1,710.00
<b>Richard W. Clancy</b>	
Reimb. for Police Equip.	51.05
<b>Bonnie Albert, Treasurer</b>	
Revenue Sharing Fund	3,000.00
<b>John C. Ray Insurance Agency</b>	
Insurance adjustment on School House	312.00
<b>Floyd H. Colby Sr.</b>	
Payment for Cordwood	156.00
<b>Mildred Schweitzer</b>	
Bicentennial Funds	381.27
<b>Individual Taxpayers</b>	
Redeposit of Returned Checks	62.50
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$131,894.41</u>
Cash on Hand Jan. 1, 1976	13,306.89
<b>Grand Total</b>	<u>\$145,201.30</u>

#### PAYMENTS

Selectmens Orders Paid	145,047.04
<b>Balance</b>	<u>\$ 154.26</u>

Respectfully submitted  
Bonnie Lee Albert  
Treasurer

REVENUE SHARING FUND

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Balance beginning of year 1/1/76	\$ 2,502.58
Deposits	3,049.00
Interest	165.41
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<b>Total</b>	5,716.99
Withdrawal 8/16/76	3,000.00
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Balance 12/31/76	\$ 2,716.99

## SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

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### Current Revenue:

Property Taxes 1976	\$ 54,326.20
Resident Taxes 1976	1,010.00
Yield Taxes 1976	2,084.69
Resident Taxes, previous year	7,240.63
Interest	386.80
Resident Tax Penalties	35.00
Tax Sales Redeemed	1,908.88
Taxes Bought by Town	679.65

### From State:

TRA	709.85
Class V Maintenance	938.40
Highway Subsidy	3,454.06
Gas Tax Refund	88.97
Interest & Dividends	290.82
Reimb. State Forest Lands	236.32
Savings Bank Tax	76.19
Meals & Rooms Tax	1,098.86
Reimb. Business Profits Tax	205.24
Reimb. Recreational Lands	12.00
Bicentennial Fund	1,000.00
Flood Disaster Reimb.	5,201.52

### From Local Sources Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	113.60
Permits	41.00
Income from Trust Funds	1,710.00
Registration of Motor Vehicles	3,269.50
Registration of Motor Vehicles 1975	65.41
Rent of Town Property	1,433.00

### Receipts other than Current:

Proceeds of Temporary Loan	40,000.00
Gifts	315.00
Insurance Adjs.	312.00
Sale of Town Property	207.05
Revenue Sharing	3,000.00
Bicentennial Fund	381.27
Redeposit Taxpayers Returned Cks.	62.50

Cash on Hand 1/1/76

\$131,894.41

13,306.89

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\$145,201.30



## SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

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### CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES:

#### General Government

Town Officers Salaries	\$ 2,737.59
Town Officers Expenses	2,252.12
Election & Registration	935.81
Town Hall & Other Buildings	1,014.62

#### Protection of Persons & Property:

Police Department	1,997.96
Police Equipment	1,621.81
Fire	1,034.81
Planning	9.00
Insurance	1,815.00
Bounty	.50

Health: 536.00

Dump: 1,100.70

#### Highways:

TRA	2,155.01
Summer	4,395.36
Sealing Spec. Approp.	7,411.88
Winter	6,173.44
General	2,931.27

Street Lights: 230.03

#### Libraries

Appropriations 500.00

#### Patriotic Purposes:

155.00

#### Public Welfare:

Old Age Assistance	1,009.00
Town Poor	61.00

#### Public Service:

Cemeteries 368.18

**Unclassified, Legal And Damages:**

Adv.	30.00
Taxes bought by Town	774.86
Discounts & Refunds	133.29
Damages - Hopkins	35.00
Employers Tax Withheld	(186.90)
Debt Service Interest	664.44

**Principal on Debt** 40,000.00

**Capital Outlay:**

Highway Subsidy	1,059.19
Capital Reserve	3,000.00
New Equip.	3,061.77
Flood	3,692.75
Bicentennial	2,373.74
Revaluation	10,803.62

**Payments to Govt. Div.**

County	9,145.81
School	29,830.58

**Cash on Hand 12/31/76**

            
\$145,047.04

13,306.89

131.26

\$158,353.93

\$145,201.30

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

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### Town Officers' Salaries

David Albert	\$ 475.00
Richard Hikel	300.00
William Anderson	175.00
Richard Clancy	125.00
Mildred Schweitzer - Town Clerk	200.00
Mildred Schweitzer - Registration, etc.	278.97
Mildred Schewitzer - Tax Collector	778.12
Bonnie Lee Albert - Treasurer	300.00
Helen Albert - Trustee of Trust Funds	20.00
Secretary	85.50
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	\$2,737.59

### Town Officers' Expenses

Paul Buck - auditing	200.00
Wheeler & Clark - dog tags, supplies	11.62
New England Telephone - phone	165.83
Sears Roebuck - copier	97.75
N.H. Municipal Assoc. - dues	100.00
N.H. Municipal Assoc. handbook	3.00
N.H. Assoc. of Assessors - dues	10.00
Mountain Media - Town reports	748.50
Homestead Press - supplies	29.32
State of N.H. Treas. - boat report	.69
Burnham Publishing - supplies	13.55
Hebron Post Office - box rent & stamps	73.90
Bonnie Albert - expenses	86.51
Mildred Schweitzer - expenses	84.85
Trumbulls - supplies	2.98
Brown & Saltmarsh - tax collector materials	8.61
Registry of Deeds - mortgage search	10.00
Bonnie Albert - record records	13.50
Mildred Schweitzer-Town Clerks Convention	87.60
Gregg's Office Supply - supplies	5.36
Richard Hikel - expenses	67.63
Mountain Media - printing, checklists, ads	97.50
Mildred Schweitzer - Petty cash	65.00
Wendell Gilchrist - expenses	1.92
Mildred Schweitzer - convention	99.40
William Anderson - expenses	30.00
Richard Clancy - expenses	18.45
State of N.H. - reports	16.24

Sir Speedy - ballots	20.95
Enterprise Press - notice, ads, warrant	79.15
State of N.H. - boat tax	2.31
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	\$2,252.12

#### **Election & Registration**

Elaine Karkheck - supervisor mtgs. & exp.	142.33
Judith Dill - supervisor	120.94
Yvonne Stevens - supervisor	118.69
Ruth Adams - ballot clk.	62.98
Emily Elliot - ballot clk.	39.36
Zelma Watts - ballot clk.	62.98
Beatrice Smith - ballot clk.	32.62
Barbara Hobart - ballot clk.	22.50
Bonnie Albert - ballot clk.	22.50
William Anderson - moderator	55.69
Paul Buck - moderator	20.63
Samuel Abbott - moderator	14.50
Mountain Media - cards, ballots	71.23
Nelson Bean - special police, election	30.00
Ralph Dill - officer	10.50
Enterprise Press - checklist, ads	89.80
David Albert - constable	18.56
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	\$935.81

#### **Town Hall & Other Buildings**

N.H. Electric Coop. - power	115.68
Carr Co. - oil	76.95
John Matthews - repair	174.47
Richard Clancy - exp.	10.89
Edward Smith - plowing town hall	48.00
Kenneth Martell - wood	25.00
Prescott Lumber - materials	338.66
Trumbull Hardware - locks, flood light	24.65
Edward Smith - mowing	25.00
Paul Adams - painting	22.00
Andys Oil - fuel	153.32
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	\$1,014.62

#### **Health Dept.**

Pemi-Baker River - approp.	311.00
Newfound Area Ambulance	225.00
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	\$536.00

### Winter Maintenance

Lewis Albert - labor	826.50
Nicholas Adams - labor	1,002.19
Richard Clancy - labor	445.51
Kenneth Martell - labor	31.63
Paul Norman - labor	34.38
Micheal Hobart - labor	4.13
Lewis Albert - truck	1,730.00
Ernest Matthews Jr. - labor	105.89
Joseph Matthews - labor	8.25
James Albert - labor	22.00
Gordon Matthews - labor	6.88
Lee Adams - labor	20.63
Joseph Matthews - truck	10.00
Edward Smith - equipment	880.00
Iving McDonald - plowing	10.00
Linda Hobart - trip to Concord	15.00
Raymond Davis - sand	61.25
Campton Sand & Gravel	28.63
Metra Chemical	136.94
International Salt	793.63
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	\$6,173.44

### Dump

Lewis Albert - labor	66.00
Everett Hobart - labor	586.40
Nicholas Adams - labor	44.00
Ernest Matthews Jr. - labor	44.00
Edward Smith - equipment	307.50
Lewis Albert - power saw	24.00
Nicholas Adams - power saw	24.00
Enterprise Press	4.80
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	\$1,100.70

### Summer Maintenance

Lewis Albert - labor	633.00
Lewis Albert - equipment	200.50
Nicholas Adams - labor	360.26
David Carter - labor	16.50
William Wadsworth - equipment	490.00
Michael Hobart - labor	22.00
Kenneth Martell - labor	41.25
Paul Norman - labor	19.25
Ernest Matthews Jr. - labor	13.75

Edward Smith - mowing	70.00
Stephen Riordon - labor	33.00
Edward Smith - gravel	47.50
Edward Smith - equipment	575.25
James Albert - equipment	954.80
Everett Hobart - gravel	284.25
Nicholas Adams - power saw	8.00
James Albert - power saw	10.00
Edward Smith - moving dozer	75.00
Edward Smith - cutting culvert	12.00
Campton Sand & Gravel - coldpatch	268.05
Peter Samelson - blasting	25.00
Blanch MacDonald - mowing	20.00
Raymond Davis - grading	216.00

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\$4,395.36

#### **Duncan Fund and T.R.A.**

Lewis Albert - labor	\$372.50
Nicholas Adams - labor	184.50
Edward Smith - equipment	1,061.25

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\$1,618.25

TRA '75 overdraft	249.75
State Treas.	287.01

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\$2,155.01

#### **Flood -- Hardy Brook**

Lewis Albert - labor	87.00
Nicholas Adams - labor	20.00
Richard Clancy - labor	8.25
Edward Smith - labor	19.50
Edward Smith - equipment	382.00
Joseph Matthews - labor	19.50
Ernest Matthews Jr. - labor	24.50
James Albert - equipment	157.50
Lewis Albert - power saw	23.00
Edward Smith - power saw	13.00
Joseph Matthews - power saw	13.00
Nicholas Adams - power saw	8.00
Joseph Matthews - truck	10.00
Edward Smith - equipment	307.50
Earth Inc. - equipment	2,600.00

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\$3,692.75

**Repair and Sealing**

Lewis Albert - labor	390.00
Nicholas Adams - labor	301.13
Kenneth Martell - labor	20.63
Stephen Riordon - labor	57.75
Lewis Albert - equipment	590.00
Richard Clancy - labor	129.25
David Albert - power saw	10.00
Nicholas Adams - power saw	10.00
James Albert - equipment	322.00
Edward Smith - equipment	624.50
Campton Sand and Gravel - coldpatch	4,956.62

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\$7,411.88

**General Highway Expense**

Yeaton Oil - gas	1171.66
Trumbulls - supplies	191.36
Brooks Auto - parts	16.97
Sanels - parts	30.00
Hebron Village Store - gas	25.45
Hawkensen Enterprises - parts	4.50
James Albert - trip for parts	16.05
N.H. Explosives - blades & parts	189.09
Hedges & Matheis - sander repair	104.00
Whitehall Chemical - rust proof	136.43
Belknap Tire - mounting tires	71.79
Rumney Tire - mounting tires	26.00
C. Gordon Matthews - trip for parts	16.05
Lubrication Engineers - oil	65.86
Spears Garage - parts	45.10
Oscar Johnson - oil	32.32
E.W. Sleeper - parts for sander	150.49
Webster Motors - repair	125.39
Charles Gould - welding, parts, labor	367.87
H. & K. Shell - service and repair	144.89

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\$2,931.27

**Highway Subsidy [Gas Tax]**

Cargill Salt	565.44
International Salt	313.75
Lewis Albert jeep	180.00

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\$1,059.19



**New Equipment**

N.H. Explosives - wing blades	1119.94
Andys Oil - furnace and oil	1502.22
Kenneth Martell - trip	5.00
Trumbulls - signs	4.10
John Matthews - fit furnace room	227.21
State of NH Treas. - signs	203.30

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\$3,061.77

**Police**

Alexander Lennox - police services	1191.00
Richard Clancy - expenses	8.00
David Albert - police services	315.93
Richard Clancy - police services	206.21
Ralph Dill - police services	220.37
Wright - install radio	56.45

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\$1,997.96

**Police Equipment**

Darley - shirts	149.75
MacDonalds - badges	5.26
Macks Men's Shop	46.34
SaSo - supplies	54.46
General Electric Co. - radio & install	1366.00

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\$1,621.81

**Old Age Assistance**

Treas. State of N.H.	\$1009.00
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**Street Lights**

N.H. Electric Coop. - power	230.03
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**Town Poor**

Edward Smith - plowing	16.00
George Davis - wood	45.00

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61.00

**Cemeteries**

Prescott Lumber - paint	46.18
Flags	12.90
Clayton Hobart - mowing	130.62
Charles Matthews - mowing	120.23



Roland Matthews - mowing	24.75
Harold Schweitzer - mowing	33.50
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	368.18
<b>Insurance</b>	
John C. Ray Agency - Officers bonds	91.00
John C. Ray Agency - non owned auto	13.00
John C. Ray Agency - Workmens Comp	333.00
John C. Ray Agency - MultiPeril	1378.00
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	\$1,815.00
<b>Groton Planning Board</b>	
Jean Ray - book	9.00
<b>Bounties</b>	
Tony Albert	.50
<b>Libraries</b>	
Groton Library Approp.	500.00
<b>Legal Expenses</b>	
William Hopkins - legal work	35.00
<b>Fire</b>	
Town of Hebron - approp.	225.00
Rumney Fire Dept. - approp.	225.00
Town of Hebron - fire phone	51.00
Town of Hebron - moving red phone	32.50
C. Denis Matthews - fire meeting	18.80
David Albert - fire meeting	13.60
James Albert - fire meeting	13.60
James Parris - fire meeting	21.94
Town of Rumney - Sharks & Coursey fire	192.00
Richard Carter - fire	15.92
Town of Hebron - Salsmans & Brown fire	216.75
State of N.H. - fire equipment	8.70
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	\$1,034.81
<b>Revaluation</b>	
Eastern Appraisal	10,803.62

**Bicentennial**

Newfound Bicentennial - approp.	155.00
Paul Adams - wiring	148.20
Trumbulls - materials	134.63
Kenneth Lamos - painting	200.00
Mildred Schweitzer - supplies	200.00
Harold Schweitzer - painting	46.75
Kathy Buck - comm., woodstove	294.46
Jean Ray - comm. shrubs & trees	214.86
Rands Hardware - paints & supplies	39.75
Paul Buck - shades for town house	83.45
Malcolm Ray - sanitation system, lights	480.14
John Matthews - chimney	326.50
Refund	13.45
Sam Hall - Muster group	50.00
Harold Tuttle - Chester Fife & Drum	25.00
Enterprises Press	100.00
Lee Adams - painting	16.50

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\$2,373.74**Payments To County**

Treas. Grafton County	9145.81
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**Taxes Bought By Town**

Register of Deeds	9.63
Tax Collector	765.23
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**Interest**

Pemi. National Bank	664.44
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**Temporary Loan**

Pemi. National Bank	40,000.00
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**Capitol Reserve**

Trustee of Trust Funds	
Tax Maps	2,000.00
Town Truck	1,000.00
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**Memorial Day**

Newfound Bicentennial Approp.	155.00
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**Federal Income Tax Withheld**

Internal Revenue Service	186.90
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**Advertising**

N.H. Assoc. Assessors - dues	10.00
N.H. Association - checks	10.00
N.H. Tax Collectors Assoc.	10.00
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	30.00

**Discounts, Abatements and Refunds**

George Karkheck - ref. 75 Prop. tax	52.40
Tobey Gonnerman - ref. registration	10.00
Gertrude May - tax ref.	19.55
Discounts per tax collector	
list due taxpayers	51.34
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	133.29

**Payments to School Districts**

Newfound Area School District	29,830.58
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## **AUDITORS REPORT**

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I did not perform a certified audit for the town of Groton as regards the financial statements at December 31, 1976. However, I did perform a town audit following all procedures as prescribed by the division of Municipal Accounting of the State of New Hampshire and found no material misstatements.

Paul M. Buck

## **AUDITOR'S REPORT REVENUE SHARING FUND**

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I have examined the accounts and records of the Revenue Sharing Fund of the Town of Groton, N.H. for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1976.

In my opinion, the above Statement of Revenue, Appropriations, Encumbrances, and Available Unobligated Funds presents fairly the revenue, expenditures and encumbrances incurred, and status of Revenue Sharing Funds of the Town of Groton, N.H. for the year ended December 31, 1976.

Paul M. Buck  
Auditor  
Town of Groton, N.H.

Date: 2/21/76

**REPORT OF LIBRARY TREASURER**  
**Payments Jan. 1, 1976 thru Dec. 31. 1976**

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Kathy Buck, materials and services	\$ 230.15
Kenneth Lamos, services	27.00
Regent Book Co., books	108.05
National Geographic Society, books	18.40
Newfound Memorial High School, books	12.92
Trows Book Store, books	19.34
David McKay Co., books	13.92
University Book Service, books	25.48
Publishers Central Bureau, books	36.34
Scholastic Audio-Visual, books and records	8.44
The World Book Year Book, Year Book	9.60
Baker & Taylor Co., books and catalog kits	30.59
Josten's supplies	39.45
Charles A. Carr Co., fuel	49.95
Bank Service Charge	3.64
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Total Payments	\$633.27
Balance Dec. 31, 1976	4.31
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Grand Total	\$ 637.58

**Receipts Jan. 1, 1976 thru Dec. 31, 1976**

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1976	114.98
Selectmen's Appropriation	500.00
Catanzaro, gift	10.00
Olcott, sale of books	12.35
Service Charge refund	.25
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Total	\$637.58

Kathy Buck, Librarian:	
Material reimb.	\$ 27.65
services	202.50
20 hours donated time	

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie Lee Albert  
Library Treasurer

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

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Books Purchased - 1976	
Adult (fiction & non-fiction)	49
Juvenile (fiction & non-fiction)	64
Books Donated - 1976	
Adult (fiction & non-fiction)	11
Books owned January, 1976	1,876
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	2,000
Books Discarded / sold	37
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TOTAL books owned as of December 31, 1976	1963
Books borrowed from bookmobile	1,351
Services	
Adult volumes loaned	401
Juvenile volumes loaned	614
Magazines loaned	61
Other	51
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TOTAL	1,127

## POLICE DEPT. REPORT FOR YEAR 1976

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This year was the most active year ever recorded by the Dept. as shown by the following statistics:

Miles	3000
Complaints	165
Accidents	2
Breaking & Enter	7
Domestic	4
Summons	7

(we have a 100% conviction record)

The Police radio authorized by the last town meeting has been received and installed. All Police are now Radio Equipped.

All members of the Dept. attended a 14 week Grafton County Law enforcement course and all graduated. (NOTE: This did not cost the town any money as it was funded by the Sheriff's Dept.)

In an effort to make the Dept. more effecient, please notify us immediately of all suspicious activity. If a motor vehicle is involved, please note the type and if at all possible get the marker number. This will help us solve more of the "Breaking & Enter" and Vandalism type crimes which accounts for about 70% of our work load.

The following Telephone numbers should be used whenever you require Police Assistance.

1-800-552-0393 (Toll Free) Grafton County Radio Dispatcher  
786-2371 Police Chief  
744-3666 Officer Clancy  
744-8467 Officer Dill

Alexander Lennox  
Police Chief

## BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

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Groton's Bicentennial Committee is pleased to have sponsored many community-oriented projects in 1976. Following is a summary of its activities.

Early in the spring clean-up work began on two of the town's cemeteries. The Kimball Hill and Bailey Hill cemeteries, both in the woods, and well off main roads, were cleared of many years accumulation of brush and debris, stone walls were rebuilt and tombstones straightened.

Signs were made to mark each of the town's five biggest cemeteries, Punch and Hall's Brooks, the Town Pound, the Town House and Muster Ground, and School #9. All materials and labor for the signs were donated.

A one-thousand dollar grant was received from federal bicentennial monies, and was used, with a matching amount raised by the town, to do renovations on the Town House. The building was rewired, chemical toilets were installed, the heating system was improved. After a thorough cleaning, the interior was repainted, and new window shades installed.

The town's first Old Home Day in nearly forty years was held on August 21. Several hundred persons attended the event which featured a historic display and performance by the New Chester Fyfe and Drum Corps, the Capt. Henry D. Dearborn Muster Company, and the children who participated in the summer workshop.

In addition, Mrs. Jean Ray represented Groton on the Newfound Area Bicentennial Committee, which helped coordinate area activities.

Members of Groton's Bicentennial Committee included:

Millie Schweitzer	Verna Matthews
Yvonne Stevens	Barbara and Clayton Hobart
Zelma Watts	Betty and Sam Abbott
Ginny and Dick Hikel	
Jean Ray and Kathy Buck, co-chairpersons	



## NEWFOUND AREA BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

The Newfound Area Bicentennial Committee has been meeting monthly since May, 1975 to plan and carry out appropriate events and projects commemorating the two hundredth anniversary of the American Revolution in six area towns: Alexandria, Bridgewater, Bristol, Danbury, Groton and Hebron. The focus of the Bicentennial has been Heritage, (recalling the past); Festival (celebrating); and Horizon (planning for the future). Projects of the Area Committee have intentionally reflected these national aims.

Committee sponsored events have also been designed to promote good will, cooperation and mutual aid among the member towns. A list of events and projects reflects such a spirit:

1. four signs, "Happy Birthday America"
2. refurbishing two vintage drums for use by New Chester Fife and Drum
3. sale of Newfound Area Bicentennial Calendars, with historic scenes from each town
4. two colonial clothing workshops
5. sale of Newfound Bicentennial tea tiles
6. purchase of four new drums for the Newfound Fife and Drum (children's group)
7. support of colonial ball, March 27
8. support of the C.Y.O. cookbook
9. New Hampshire conestoga wagon, sponsored by the Bahai group
10. Fourth of July parade
11. fireworks at Newfound Lake
12. two concerts by the Pemigewasset Choral Society
13. magic show
14. reprinting of the Bristol/Bridgewater history

15. Bicentennial parade in August

16. support of the caravans for arts, crafts and drama from the University of New Hampshire

17. Fyfe and Drum boat parade and concert at Newfound Lake

18. Thanksgiving Dinner, November 13

Individual town committees were active highlighting events and personalities important in local history, and promoting pride in each community. Your committee's report is included with this 1976 Town Report.

A visitor to our area remarked, "You people have caught the Bicentennial spirit and made it come alive all year. You folks really turn out, and in costume, too! How did you involve so many people, especially the children?

The answer is that members of the Area Committee have worked together for nearly two years in order to provide constructive leadership and a positive influence upon our neighborhood of rural towns. However, the Committee did not work in isolation, but depended heavily upon the support of many committed people in each town. People of all ages.

Some ask, "Aren't you tired of the Bicentennial?" No! Unless one tires of our American heritage of national and local pride, neighborliness, mutual respect and hard work. Let us not tire of dreaming dreams for the future.

Committee members:

Chairman Mrs. Lucy Baker, Bristol  
Secretary Mrs. Beverly Smith, Hebron  
Treasurer Mrs. Martha Kuplin, Bridgewater  
Town Representatives  
Alexandria - Mrs. Rosalie Hall  
Mrs. Hope Hanron  
Mr. Richard Mundy  
Bridgewater - Mr. Lawrence Denton  
Bristol - Mr. Orvis Hopkins  
Mr. William Noel  
Danbury - Mrs. Rebecca Towle  
Groton - Mrs. Jean Ray  
Mrs. Kathy Buck

## PLANNING BOARD'S ANNUAL REPORT

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Betty Abbott  
Bill Anderson  
Ralph Dill

Dick Hikel  
Bob Skinner  
Jean Ray

Paul Buck - Chairman

The Groton Planning Board in the past year has prepared the first step necessary for a community comprehensive plan. The first part will be submitted at Town Meeting for approval by the residents.

During the past year we have had advice from the North County Council and N.H. Highway Dept. in preparing this first step. We have also watched films that emphasized the need for a land use plan.

Land use planning benefits the community in several ways and gives the community an objective and legally recognized foundation on which to have land use ordinances and regulations.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Ray  
Secretary

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# NEWFOUND AREA AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION 1976

Received from five towns	\$ 3,565.00
Donations	10.00
Bank Interest	117.92
Savings Account	414.46

Paid to Fred V. Emmons	3,500.00
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Balance on hand 12/31/76	\$ 607.38
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Total calls	196
Unpaid calls	63

Alexandria	17
Ashland	1
Bridgewater	13
Bristol	100
Danbury	2
Groton	3
Hebron	4
Hill	6
I-93	9
Meredith	1
New Hampton	34
Transfers	6

## REPORT OF DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF AND TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN

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Since its beginning in 1893, the State Forestry Department has recognized the fact that forest fire prevention and suppression is a joint state and town or city responsibility. Local authorities recommend names of persons to the State Forester, who appoints one person as town or city fire warden and several other persons as town or city deputy fire wardens to a three year term.

The local forest fire warden controls the kindling of all outside fires, when the ground is not covered with snow, by issuing a written permit for kindling a fire. Permits are only issued at such times and in such places as the fire warden deems as safe.

The State Forest Fire Service trains local forest fire organization in modern forest fire prevention and suppression tactics. The State also provides backup personnel and equipment for suppression and prevention activities.

The combination of State and local forces has resulted in one of the smallest acreage loss due to forest fires in the United States for the past 20 years.

### 1976 FOREST FIRE STATISTICS

	No. of Fires	No. of Acres
State	746	294
District	84	58.85
Town	0	0
John Q. Ricard		Carroll D. Matthews
District Chief		Forest Fire Warden

## VITAL STATISTICS

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### Births

In Plymouth, N.H. on March 7, 1976, daughter of William and Lucy Johnson

In Laconia, N.H. on Sept. 3, 1976, daughter of Leroy and Laurie Guy Jr.

### Deaths

In Plymouth, N.H. March 12, 1976, Elise Albert - age 88

In Orford, N.H., August 24, 1976, Robert Allen Conkey - Age 19

In Plymouth, N.H. September 14, 1976, Lillian Edna Colby - Age 56

### Marriages

In Rumney, N.H., August 8, 1976 by Gerald W. Bradley Clergyman --  
Kenneth Allan Downs, Susan Ernestine Leger.

Town Clerk  
Mildred E. Schweitzer

State of New Hampshire  
Department of Revenue Administration  
Concord 03301

Letter of Transmittal

Board of Selectmen  
Groton, N.H. 03241

April 12, 1976

Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith is the report of an examination and audit of the accounts and records of Betty Ann de Mello, Tax Collector of the Town of Groton, for the period January 1, 1975 to March 31, 1975. The said examination was made by this Division in accordance with your request made under authority provided in R.S.A. 44:36.

A copy of this report must be given to the Town Clerk for retention as part of the permanent town records.

Verification of uncollected and unredeemed taxes was made by mailing notices to delinquent taxpayers as indicated by the tax collector's records. Consequently, the amount of uncollected and unredeemed taxes as shown in this report are subject to any changes which may be necessitated by the return of verification notices.

Conclusion: The provisions of Chapter 71-A, Section 21 of the Revised Statutes Annotated require that the auditors' summary of findings and conclusions (letter of transmittal) must be published in the next annual report of the Town. Publication of the exhibits contained in this audit report is optional at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen. This letter, however, must be published in its entirety.

We extend our thanks to the officials of the Town of Groton for their assistance during the course of the audit.

Very truly yours,  
Frederick A. Lapierre, Director  
Division of Municipal Accounting  
Department of Revenue Administration

This report should have appeared in the 1975 Town Report as called for by Mrs. Betty Ann de Mello-Kunze at the 1976 Town Meeting and is to be included in the Town Report for 1976.









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Durham, N.H.